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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Unassigned
Hiroshi INOUE, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2681
Application No.: 09/761,719)
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Filed: January 18, 2001)
: January 29, 2004
For: DIGITAL CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION)
: SYSTEM, DIGITAL CONTENTS)
: DISTRIBUTION METHOD, ROAMING)
: SERVER, INFORMATION)
: PROCESSOR, AND INFORMATION)
: PROCESSING METHOD)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Chinese Office Action, dated December 5, 2003, which was issued on a corresponding counterpart application. An English translation of the Office Action is also enclosed. The references discussed in the Chinese Office Action (EP 666 694 and EP 969 668) were previously cited to the U.S.P.T.O. in the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 18, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered.

Applicants submit that no fee is required since an initial Office Action has not been issued.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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